

Church League Basketball Starts Jan. 22

Local church youth representing St. Andrew's, First Christian, Baptist and Methodist churches begin play on a double round-robin basketball tournament Jan. 22 under the direction of the Torrance Y.M.C.A. and City Recreation department.

Boys under 18 years of age who are not on the high school varsity team are permitted to play. Other eligibility rules provide that each boy is required to attend the church or Sunday school he represents at least twice monthly.

J. C. Turner, Dick St. Clair, Dave Hilliard and Dick Prime are the managers. This group together with the captain of each team comprise the ruling body of the league. Donald Hyde and Von Bergen are heading the group of volunteer referees and scorers. Games are scheduled every Tuesday evening at Torrance high school between 6:30 and 8:30. Tuesday, Jan. 22, St. Andrew's vs. First Baptist and Methodist vs. First Christian.

Following the completion of the tournament a banquet is to be held, where team and individual awards are to be made.

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Sport Thumbnails

Elmer "Gus" Muehler... 18 year old Lomita baseball player, and graduate of Narbonne high school, where he made two year letterman in baseball and All-Marine Leaguer of 1945 in that sport... Is considering a Major League baseball offer from both the St. Louis Cardinals and Browns... Has been playing with the Gardena Browns since leaving TAL last month... Has been batting around .333 with Gardena... Batted .855 for average in high school play... Is a good bet for either the Cards or Browns and will be among the top catchers in any league.

Lots Of Color In Torrance High Initiation

By DOROTHY SANDERS
An odd assortment of costumes worn to school Jan. 7 by girls being initiated into the Girls' Athletic Association amused the student body of Torrance high school... what with blackened faces, non-matching shoes, pajama bottoms worn under old dresses and coiffures of curlers with mineral oil, flour and some good old Mother Earth thrown in for good measure.

One had to look twice to recognize one's best friend. Of course, when she tried to make a sale from her bucket of wares her voice gave her away.

Those initiated were Joanne Brimer, Barbara Coles, Wilma Eynon, Betty Fagan, Joyce Franzer, Marilyn Lee, Barbara Lisman, Betty Locke, Marie Kelton, Mildred Mallin, Julia Menn, Joanne Mumford, Georgia Nelson, Ann Phillips, Nancy Ringlet, Nancy Whyte, Joyce Wolf, Carlotta Dean and Juanita Ritchie. The Girls' Athletic Association's sponsor is Miss Jane Fohl, girls' physical education teacher. The initiation was supervised by Barbara Tossas, vice president of the association.

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Recreation Juniors Lose Team Opener

Traveling to the Boy's Club of San Pedro on Monday of this week, the Torrance Recreation Junior basketball team dropped its first league encounter to the Boy's Club by the score of 27-34 in a well played game.

The score was tied 18-18 at the end of the half. Having no substitutes, the locals fired rapidly thereafter, allowing the Pedro boys to gradually increase the lead until the final whistle.

Regardless of the outcome, Torrance would have lost this one as they were shorthanded and had to fill in with a basketball letter man who, according to the rules, is ineligible to compete.

Tonight the team plays their next league game with the Daniel's Field team at 7:30 p.m. in the San Pedro Boy's Club gym.

San Pedro Boy's Club (34)
Torrance (27)
Bud Smith (5) F Hughes (7)
Ken Kesson (8) F Alameda (9)
Dan Moon (10) C Guglielmo (10)
G. Bennett (11) G Madson (11)
Joe Waters (2) G Lavarov (5)
Substitutes: Torrance—None.
Boy's Club—Gurgich (3), Agulla, Bess.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, the Juniors played a match game of basketball with the Mahar Posse of Wilmington. The game was played at Banning Park, on a small and narrow floor, coupled with loose officiating turned the contest into a rough and tumble affair.

At half time the score was even at 20 all but in the second stanza the Posse boys out-roughed and outscored the Torrance leads for a final score of 28-28. Don Carson of the winning Mahar team took scoring honors with 18 and was closely pressed by Ralph George of the locals who scored 15.

Bud Smith dropped 10 points in the net, Donnie Cook came through with 4 while Ken Kesson and Paul Moser had to be content with just playing guard.

Tartars Bow To Gardena Cagers

By RALPH GEORGE
Gardena high school copped a doubleheader from Torrance high last Friday, winning both the Bee and varsity basketball games. It was the first win of the season for the Mohican varsity and the second win for their Bees, both at Torrance's expense.

A substitute forward by the name of Tanner was the Tartar's chief woe in the 30-17 feature attraction win. Tanner bucketed 15 points to easily nab individual scoring honors.

The Tartars fared pretty well in the first quarter, nabbing a 6-5 lead after eight minutes of play, but the Mohicans rallied to hold a 18-6 edge at halftime. Shortly after the intermission the Tartars put on a rally, but it fell short by four points. In the last quarter the Mohicans cinched the victory via Tanner's dead-eye shot.

Bill Stanley was high-point man for the Tartars with six points. Even though he was handicapped by his lack of height in the center position, Bill still managed to turn out a bang-up performance. In all, however, the Tartars definitely had an off-day.

The second quarter spelled disaster for the Bees also. With the score 6-6 after seven minutes of play, the Mohican Bees sank four straight field goals via fast breaks to capture a 15-8 intermission lead; this lead was never lost, although the Tarabees came within three points of it with six minutes to play in the game. However, the Tarabees were held scoreless in these final six minutes, and the Gardenas walked off with the game, 26-19.

Varsity

Torrance	Dodos (4)	LF	Tipton (6)
	Teske (5)	RF	Meeker
	Stanley (6)	C	Blake (8)
	Jackson	LG	Pitts (1)
	Crawford (2)	RG	Berry
	Gardena scoring sub:		Tanner (15)

Bees

Torrance	Voien (4)	LF	Avakian (4)
	Northway	RF	Connors (6)
	Williams (2)	C	Clemens (13)
	Baron (7)	LG	Challenger (1)
	Ban	RG	Thomas (2)
	Torrance subs scoring:		Hollida (20), Rodriguez (2), Suttle (2).

PRICE CONTROL

Indefinite suspension of price control on DDT and most insecticidal products in which DDT is the principal ingredient was announced by the Office of Price Administration.

STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling
"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee an opinion wherever it may go"

Fore... The City Recreation park in WALTERIA is perhaps among the slowest projects that Torrance has proposed to do, but undoubtedly will be the most appreciated when it is completed. I believe that it is understood by all who may benefit from it, the difficulties encountered by the city in making this park possible.

Although the subject of the park's progress is important, it is beside the issue of today. We have been looking the park over, since it was brought to our attention, and have long since decided that when finished it will be much more than added beauty to the community, but will also bring new sporting competition into WALTERIA.

There is a chance however, that the eventual beauty of this park may be marred by an unsightly building erected on the northern boundaries that will hide it from the Pacific Coast Highway passer-by.

At the present time a pile of fire wood that is said to be building lumber has been dumped in the area, and, according to good information, this fire wood is for the purpose of building an auto court.

WALTERIA residents have said that it may be someone's intention to build with these sticks, but first comes the struggle with the proud residents.

It has been suggested that the park could be a bit larger, could even extend to the highway, but of course this would mean that the city would have to purchase the property first. For the success of the park, we feel that it should take in all area up to the highway. More room, more people—more people, more joy—more joy, more interest, and right on down the line.

Get out on the green, WALTERIA, and bring your best brassie. Addressing the hall... Strip has teased a spy into Billy Conn's camp that has already removed himself from the dime and has committed himself to hari kari if he tips us to anything less than half the truth, so stand by fight fans and hold all bets until the reports have been deciphered.

In the meantime keep your eye open for a good job around the middle of June, one that a man can handle without talking.

El Prado Park Is Enhanced By White Birch

The new trees planted by the City Park department along the southeast side of El Prado no longer are a species of plant mystery to passing motorists.

Evad Blake, park superintendent, announced upon completion of the planting project, that the trees are of a selected white birch.

The eucalyptus trees that were recently uprooted upon the complaint of residents that they cluttered up their lawns with leaves, have been replaced by the white birch because of the beauty they are said to attain.

Blake said the birch would grow very rapidly for the next few years and would eventually attain a height of 60 feet. The tree is said to be bare for no more than a month of each year greatly enhancing the surrounding beauty of the park.

Eucalyptus trees bordering the northwest side of the park will be removed at a later date, it is said.

Firemen Give Annual Dinner

The Torrance Firemen's Association rallied around "the cause" recently for the annual dinner and gab fest. Dinner committee man was Eugene Walker.

The cause mentioned by Walker was a turkey donated by Capt. Roy Winters for the annual affair, where all the city's firemen get together with their chief, J. E. McMaster, and Commissioner George V. Powell.



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All-Star Palica Family In TAL Victory

With four Palicas now registered on the Torrance American Legion team, the home nine knocked out six runs to best their Woolf Manufacturing rivals by four tallies in last Sunday's ballgame in Torrance city park.

John Palica, recently returned from the wars, played a relief role for his younger brother, Nick.

Ernie Palica held the mound throughout the game for TAL, with Chapman lasting through for Woolf. Chapman allowed only eight hits, but the local sluggers took advantage of these to push over the counters.

Double plays highlighted the day from Alex Palica to Jim Daniels, and to Harold Jackson. These boys were overly hot Sunday, perhaps due to the nearness of big league baseball pecking over the grandstands.

Harold Jackson, slugging in a rut, again collected batting honors on the day with a two for three and driving in a couple of tallies.

Woolf's center fielder, Ramos, got his club's lone hit to equal a run, with Zabala taking a walk to score the other.

Batteries: Ernie Palica, Kin-cannon; Chapman, Farnum.

BOX SCORES

Player	TAL	Pos	AB	H	R	E
B. Kuhn	CF	4	1	1	0	0
Alex Palica	SS	4	1	1	0	0
H. Jackson	1B	3	2	2	0	0
J. Daniels	2B	4	1	1	0	0
J. Jackson	RF	3	1	1	0	0
N. Palica	LF	3	0	1	0	0
H. McCormick	3B	4	1	0	0	0
T. Kinannon	C	4	1	0	0	0
E. Palica	P	3	0	0	0	0

WOOLF MFG.

Player	Pos	AB	H	R	E
Fernan	2B	4	1	0	0
L. Ramos	LF	3	1	0	0
Edwards	2B	4	0	0	0
Davis	1B	4	2	0	0
L. Ramos	CF	4	0	1	0
Zabala	3B	4	1	0	0
Farnum	C	4	0	0	0
Woolf	RF	4	1	0	0
Chapman	P	3	0	0	0

League Play Resumed By Recreations

Following a bye of one week in the Long Beach Recreation League, the Torrance Recreation basketballers swing into action again, tomorrow night in the L. B. Armory gym at 8:15 p.m. with the Walvic "B" team of San Pedro.

Thursday, Jan. 10, a practice game was played with the fast Redondo Night School team at the Redondo high gym. The Redondo team wound up on the long end of a 60-50 score.

Tuesday, Jan. 15, they encountered the strong Coon's Funeral Home team of Long Beach in a practice game in the local high school gym. The game ended 41-41.

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'The Valiant' Presented To High Students

Miss Harriet Golden, teacher of dramatics at Torrance high school, presented her dramatics class in a one-act play, "The Valiant," to the student body on Wednesday morning.

The cast of characters included: George Poh, the condemned prisoner; Bob Everts, the warden; Dallas Martin, the prison chaplain; Barbara Tossas, a girl visiting the condemned; Robert Klepper, attendant, and Marilyn Thomas, understudy.

Another one-act play, "Mushrooms Coming Up," will be presented early in February.

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